

average, before the receipts are realized in cash. From these causes a necessity is more frequently occasioned than formerly, for a resort to temporary loans upon notes received by the institution, which cannot always be readily obtained to the extent required. It is but just, however, to remark, that the Franklin Bank, the only bank in which the institution keeps an account, has at all times granted every facility and accommodation that could have been reasonably expected; and which, on account of the heavy expenditures for the new buildings, have necessarily been extensive.

It will be seen, by reference to document No. 1, that there has been a considerable diminution of the number of prisoners received into the Penitentiary last year, compared with those of the previous year; the number in 1835 being 144, while only 104 were received in 1836. This material diminution is confined to the *whites*, the decrease being from 84 to 45, while the number of the *blacks* is only one less: and that too, notwithstanding the act of Assembly of the last session, prohibiting confinement in the Penitentiary of such colored persons as may have been previously so sentenced, when convicted upon fresh offences. Ten of such are known to have been convicted in the City Court of Baltimore alone, since the passage of the act, and several more committed. The average number of prisoners annually received into the Penitentiary for the last seven years previous to the last, is 119 4 7ths, viz. whites 54, blacks 65 4 7ths.

The prisoners have been generally healthy during the last year, most of the sick being of those who came into the institution diseased or infirm, of whom there has been rather an unusual number. The deaths amount only to six.

Divine worship among the prisoners has seldom been intermitted upon the Sabbath for several years past, and the rudiments of learning have been taught upon that day with equal regularity. The religious services are performed through the voluntary kindness of the different clergy of the city, but more especially those of the Methodist E. Church. Several of the other denominations, likewise, frequently attend, and at all times, to impart religious instruction and consolation. The Sunday School is continued, and has been for several years, by voluntary superintendents and teachers, (Mr. C. Keener, Mr. R.